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WILMINGTON MEDICAL DOCTOR INDICTED ON TAX CHARGES

(Wilmington, DE) – Patrick T. Carter, Director of Revenue announced today that the grand jury for the Superior Court in New Castle County returned an indictment against Dr. Kenny Cooper, age 50, a Wilmington physician.

The indictment charges Cooper with three felony counts of failing to collect or pay over more than \$4,200 of state withholding taxes from employees of his medical practice during the years 2001, 2002, and 2003.

Additionally, the indictment charges Cooper with three misdemeanor counts of failing to file State of Delaware personal income tax returns and report more than \$387,000 of Delaware adjusted gross income on which over \$23,000 in taxes were owed for the years 2001, 2002, and 2003.

Monday's indictment follows charges filed in February 2002 regarding Cooper's failure to pay over state withholding taxes and failure to file State of Delaware income tax returns. Cooper entered a guilty plea in March 2002 to three misdemeanor counts of failing to file Delaware tax returns for the years 1998, 1999, and 2000 and was sentenced to three years probation and also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine along with restitution to the Delaware Division of Revenue of more than \$20,000.00.

The charges against Cooper stem from an investigation conducted by the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit and referred to the Delaware Attorney General's office for indictment and prosecution.

The three felony tax offenses are each punishable by up to a maximum five-year imprisonment and such fines and penalties as the court deems appropriate.

The three misdemeanor tax offenses are each punishable by up to a maximum one-year imprisonment and up to \$2,300 in fines.

Cooper awaits arraignment and trial date in Superior Court in Wilmington.